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Re App : Trevor William Bartlett Swan September 2, 2003

Ser. No. : 10/601,459 Art Unit

Filed : June 23, 2003

For : ANTI-VIBRATION MECHANISM FOR LOCK NUTS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER RULE 1.56

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Information Disclosure Statement Under Rule 1.56, Form PTO-1449 and a copy of each cited reference to be filed in connection with application Serial No. 10/601,459 of inventor(s), Trevor William Bartlett Swan, filed June 23, 2003, for "ANTI-VIBRATION MECHANISM FOR LOCK NUTS" are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in a box addressed to: Mail Stop DD, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on ________, 2003.

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